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Tender

Online Programme Management (OPM) Partnership for Online Course Development

University of Durham

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://ehjb.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/fscmUI/faces/PrcPosRegisterSupplier?prcBuld=300000003996095>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Higher Education

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Online Programme Management (OPM) Partnership for Online Course Development

Reference number

RFN00028

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Durham has a requirement to engage an Online Programme Management (OPM) partner to provide marketing, digital design and development of online non-credit bearing courses for external learners.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80420000 - E-learning services
- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Services will be delivered online via the supplier hosted platform.

Official University address:

Durham University

Palatine Centre

Stockton Road

DH1 3LE

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Durham University seeks to expand its offering of high-quality online master's programmes, beyond the provision already supported in Durham University Business School (DUBS) and Arts and Humanities. In addition, Durham University has identified a desire to develop online CPD, executive education, and outreach courses that showcase Durham's strengths and contribute to local, national, and global knowledge and skills development. These initiatives have the potential to provide the University with additional

income streams and raise the profile of Durham University both locally and globally in addition to other strategic benefits.

The tender specification outline is focused on supporting the development of fully online postgraduate programmes.

Durham University seeks a framework agreement which positions the chosen supplier as the preferred supplier for the development of 5-10 large scale postgraduate programmes over the next 5 years. It is envisioned that a framework agreement would be required, with the option to undertake variable approaches to course development from full service to single services depending upon the needs of each individual programme and our resource needs. As such, each programme would be considered an addendum to a master services agreement, and subject to negotiated terms of development and delivery.

The chosen partner will work closely with colleagues in the Durham Centre for Academic Development (DCAD).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The University is intending to let this contract for a potential 5 years, with an optional 2 year extension although this can be discussed as part of the negotiation.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

See tender documents and through negotiations.

II.2.14) Additional information

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Please ensure you include the negotiation reference (RFN00028) in Notes to Approver when registering as a supplier.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents (where applicable).

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The University`s particular requirements will be set out in the Tender documentation and may include, inter alia, performance bond(s) and/or bank guarantee(s) and/or other forms of security. Where a consortium or other grouping of suppliers submits a bid, such consortia or grouping must nominate a lead organisation to deal with the Contracting Authority on all matters relating to the Contract. All consortium members or grouping will be required to be jointly and severally liable in respect of the obligations and liabilities relating to the Contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

This is a long term partnership arrangement which will require significant investment from the University and the Partner so a longer contract is required

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

5 May 2024

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Tender documents available under reference RFN00028 at:

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Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Supplier registration at:

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Following registration approval, supplier will have access to Durham University oracle fusion to produce and submit a formal response.

Queries around process directed to: steven.carter@durham.ac.uk

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Please refer to

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- i) Not to award any contract as a result of this procurement process commenced by publication of this notice.
- ii) To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition.
- iii) To award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and
- iv) To award contract(s) in stages. Under no circumstances will the University be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Durham

Palatine Centre

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United Kingdom